

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7 July 2024

Thought for the Week

The gym I go to has music playing 24 hours a day! Every shopping centre and sometimes restaurants and bars are continually playing background music. What ever happened to silence? I was very proud of our First and Middle schools last week when Bishop Philip made a visit. The Bishop led a Liturgy in both schools which contained a considerable amount of silence - and the children were more than able to enter into this stillness and prayer.

I sometimes reflect on Sundays how we can be sometimes 200 or 300 people in the church and not feel uncomfortable in being in silence - where else in society would you feel comfortable in silence with people who perhaps you do not know well?

Pope John Paul II said: "In communal, shared stillness and silence, we accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and unite our prayer more closely to the Word of God and the public voice of the Church"

During liturgical silence, under the action of the Holy Spirit, all respond in their own way recollecting themselves, pondering what has been heard, taking the Word of God to heart, preparing a response to it in prayer, petitioning and praising God in the spirit.

Silent reflection and contemplation is an essential dynamic of our celebration of the Mass. Words and music are important – but so is silence.

Canon David Hopgood

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 - 16:00. All welcome.

The Rosary

The Rosary is prayed after the 12:00 Mass each Friday, please join us.

Sacrament of the Sick

This will take place on **Friday 12 July** during the 12:00 Mass.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward's:

Saturdays: 11:00 - 11:30 and 17:30 - 18:00

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Mass Times & Intentions 6 – 14 July

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| Sat 06 18:00 | Jean Crowther - RIP |
| Sun 07 09:30 | People of the Parish - St Mark's |
| 11:00 | Frank Holland - RIP |
| | Middle School - Leading Mass |
| Mon 08 10:00 | <i>Eucharistic Service</i> |
| Tue 09 18:30 | Adrian Frank - RIP |
| Wed 10 10:00 | Martin Mulkerrins - RIP - FUNERAL |
| Thur 11 10:00 | <i>Eucharistic Service - St Mark's</i> |
| Fri 12 12:00 | Dec'd - Aurad Family members - RIP |
| | Sacrament of the Sick |
| Sat 13 18:00 | Andrew Densouse & Harry Leamon - RIP |
| Sun 14 09:30 | People of the Parish - St Mark's |
| 11:00 | Jimmy Regan - RIP |

Parish Diary 6 – 14 July

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| Sat 06 12:00 | Wedding - Jaya Kuzhively and Tom Kirk |
| Sun 07 09:30 | Baptisms - Oluwatishe, Olamide, Tunmise & Ayomide Ajiroba |
| 10:30 | Tea & Coffee - St Mark's |
| 12:00 | Tea & Coffee - P/C |
| 12:15 | Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room |
| Mon 08 18:30 | Catenians Meeting - P/C |
| 19:00 | Piano & Cello Concert - St Edward's Church |
| Tue 09 10:30 | UCM Meeting - P/C |
| Wed 10 19:00 | Men's Group - St Brigid's Room |
| Thur 11 14:00 | Wedding - Zack Hopkins & Leah Mereb |
| Sun 14 12:15 | Baptisms - Alexander & Luca Cortes Ramirez |
| 12:00 | Tea & Coffee - P/C |

Morning & Evening Prayer

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| Tue 09 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
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Fr David's Diary

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| Tue 09 11:00 | Dept of Clergy - Sandhurst |
| Wed 10 12:00 | Clergy Meeting - Windsor |
| Thur 11 10:00 | Clergy Meeting - Basingstoke |

Joint Newsletter

Over the next few weeks we will be producing a joint newsletter for Windsor and Ascot. This will be in preparation for the joining of our two parishes.

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Diocesan Prayer for the Golden Jubilee of the Bamenda-Portsmouth Link – 2024

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the bond of love and friendship which has existed between the Archdiocese of Bamenda and the Diocese of Portsmouth for fifty years. We are deeply grateful to you for the spiritual and material benefits this union has yielded. Guided by your Word and filled with your Holy Spirit, may we receive the grace to grow in partnership and understanding as we celebrate as one body, sharing in the one bread of Christ. Bless those who have made selfless sacrifices to sustain us, especially the priests who have served in our dioceses. May their work be rewarded in the abundance of your grace. May Mary Immaculate, St Joseph, St Edmund and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, our Patrons, intercede for us. *Amen.*

Ordination – Stephen Patterson

Stephen's Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in **Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 27 July at 11:00.**

A larger coach has been booked, so if you would like to go to the Mass and reception afterwards, some seats are still available. Please contact lisafranklin730@gmail.com, (07769 249568), alternatively contact the Parish Office.

Many parishioners have been asking how to contribute to Stephens's Ordination to the Diaconate – we have therefore set up a 'giveasyoulive' page for those who wish to contribute in this way.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/collection-for-stephen-patterson>

Vocations

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Concert – 8 July 2024

Please come along to the concert at St Edward's Church on **Monday evening at 19:00**, where the pianist Ellyses Kuan will present a piano recital, featuring works by – Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms and Mozart. There is a suggested donation of £20 on the door, 50% of takings will go to the Church.

St Mark's Cleaning

If you can lend a hand for about an hour a week (regularly or every now and then) please contact the Parish Office or Maggie Waddington - maggiewaddington@yahoo.co.uk

Raffle Prize Winning Numbers

There are some raffle prizes yet to be claimed. They can be picked up from the Parish Office in St Brigid's Room, between 09:00 – 14:00 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Ticket No. **215** Lynda. Other tickets plus serial number. **80** (329916) **330** (192290) **49** (329916) **47** (3229916) **336** (192290).

UCM Meeting

Kathy and Keith Arundel will give a talk to UCM members in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 9 July at 10:30. All welcome.

First Holy Communion Programme 2024 - 2025

Our FHC team are now accepting registrations for the 2024-25 First Holy Communion programme. Further details plus application forms can be found on the Parish website. Kindly send completed application forms and a copy, not original, of your child's Baptismal Certificate to fhc@catholicwindsor.org **A meeting for parents will be held on 26 September at 18:30.** For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme, as follows:

Step 1: 'Come and See' (John 1: 39-41)

For 6 weekends from the 28/29 September to 2/3 November. The candidate is required to attend weekend Masses with family members. At the beginning of November, a Commitment Ceremony will be held.

Step 2: 'They sat at the feet of Jesus' (Luke 10:38-42)

The Saturday morning sessions, at 10:00, start at the beginning of November where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Step 3: 'Jesus Sent them Out' (Luke 10:1)

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Vinnies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found on our website. The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on **Thursday 26 September at 18:30 in St Edward's Parish Centre.** At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Commitment Card' that needs to be stamped when your child attends Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 16 September 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FHC team at fhc@catholicwindsor.org.

Pastoral Area Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
We come before you with hearts full of faith and hope as we pray for the successful joining of our two parishes in this pastoral area.
Lord, we seek your guidance and blessings for this journey as we strengthen our faith community and fulfil your mission to evangelise and bring people closer to Jesus Christ.
May your wisdom enlighten our journey as we join together in faith, love, and unity.
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer this prayer.
Amen.*

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

You can log on to the website for a copy of the newsletter: www.stfrancisascot.co.uk

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Martin Mulkerrins.** His funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Wednesday 10 July.